(d) what is the break up of final letters issued by the Ministry containing positive and negative replies respectively?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

C.P.P. Project of K.I.O.C. Ltd. Mangalore

5719. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN : Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) by when the Captive Power Plant Project of Kudremukh Iron Ore Company Limited at Mangalore is likely to be commissioned;

(b) what is the total cost of project and what is the expenditure incurred on the project upto 31st March, 1995;

(c) what is the reasons for the slow progress of this project; and

(d) whether the Budget amount of Rs. 55.02 crores for 1994-95 has been spent during 1994-95, is not the reason therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) and (b) In order to meet its power requirements, the Kudremukh Iron Ore Company Limited (KIOCL) has decided to install a Captive Power Plant (CPP). The first phase of the project (about 19 MW) was taken up at a cost of Rs. 48.33 crores, (revised to Rs. 64.29 crores) against which an expenditure of Rs. 45.89 crores has actually been incurred till 31.3.95. The first phase of the project is scheduled to be commissioned by September 1995.

(c) Due to heavy incessant rains during the period from June, 1994 to october 1994, the civil works were adversely affected.

(d) The outlays provided for the project in 1994-95 could not be fully utilised due to delay in completion of civil works for reasons given in part (c).

Visakhapatnam Steel Plant

5720. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased tostate:

(a) whether Visakhapatnam Steel Plant propose to concentrate on exports;

(b) whether modernisation programme is under way to focus on exports; and

(c) the details of the cost of this focused programme for exports?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) Export has been a thrust area since VSP started production. However, an assessment of export is being made and reviewed on a continuous basis in order to take advantage of the shore-based location and to make a significant presence in the export market and also to maintain buoyancy in the domestic market. During the year 1995-96, VSP has planned for export of 500,000 tonnes of iron and steel products valued at Rs. 336 crores approximately.

(b) and (c) Visakhapatnam Steel Plant is a modern plant commissioned in July, 1992 and its modernisation is, therefore, not contemplated in the near future. However, VSP would continue to make its presence in the export market.

Appointment of Enigneers from J&K by Sail

5721. SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Steel Authority of India have selected some engineers from Jammu and Kashmir for appointment in its various undertakings;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to take some measures to ensure employment of technically qualified unemployed